

BPC Minutes
March 29, 2001

Present: Bill Cupples (SPED), Barbara Gorenflo (COE/ACAD. SRVS), Gerry Green (MATH), Chris Lancaster (Post-BAC), Georgea Langer (TED), Gretchen Otto (ART), Mike Paciorek (HPERD), Kathlyn Parker (*secretary*, SPED), Jeanne Pietig (TED), Pat Pokay (TED), Shawn Quilter (*co-chair*, TED).

Old Business

The minutes of 3/15 were reviewed and approved.

New Business

1. The proposed requirements and standards for preparation of Art Education teachers were reviewed and commented on. G. Otto, Art Department representative, said the Art Department objected to calling art teachers art specialists instead, since the art teachers are trying very hard to integrate their subject matter into other areas. The use of the word, “specialist”, can be seen as elitist, and the word, “teacher” more commonly accepted.

The motion was made to recommend adoption of the proposed changes in standards for Art Education.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. The proposal to establish a new educational technology endorsement on a Michigan teaching certificate was discussed. The course of study was not seen as appropriate for undergraduates, but designed for graduates. Educational technology should not be a primary endorsement.

The motion was made that the BPC does not support the proposed endorsement for undergraduates in educational technology.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Announcements

1. An update was made on the proposed addition of the word, “democratic”, to the theme. The issue is now before the COE council.
2. The Best Practice conference that will take place next fall was announced.
3. G. Langer reported on the progress of the Renaissance partnership for teaching quality.

4. At the next meeting, proposed changes in the Earth Sciences department will be voted on.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned. The next and last meeting of the year will be April 12, 3 –5pm, 301B Porter.